From: Daniel Rios
To: Eligio Lara
Cc: Jesse Silva
Subject: SMPD25-0001112 - SWAT SW/AW Request
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025 1:11:07 PM
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Cmdr. Lara,

Please see SWAT warrant service recommendation in below email thread from SWAT Sgt./TL Chris Mathews. Additionally, the warrant matrix/assessment and DA signed SW/AW copy are also attached for your review.

I do agree with Chris' recommendation on this search & arrest warrant being best served by the SMPD SWAT Team. If approved, I will still need to provide the SLO County Team first right of refusal and it sounds like the DB is hoping for an early to mid-week service this coming week. More surveillance will be required.

Please let me know if you need any further information, and of course I am always available for a call or meet.

Regards,
Danny

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From: Christopher Mathews <cmathews@cityofsantamaria.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 9:36 AM
To: Daniel Rios <drios@cityofsantamaria.org>
Cc: Trevor Hutton <thutton@cityofsantamaria.org>
Subject: Re: Attached Image

Lt. Rios,

I have reviewed the warrant service matrix, work-ups, and search/arrest warrants for this shooting investigation involving an 9mm pistol. On 1/27/25 at approximately 0012 hours, SMPD officers responded to 623 W. Hermosa regarding a shooting that had just occurred at the residence. Upon arrival, they located six shell casings and the words "Post that" which was spray painted on the garage door of the residence. They later located two bullet strike marks into the garage door of the residence and one strike mark into a vehicle (CA/9NCZ835) that was parked in the driveway. Officers recovered a total of six spent 9mm shell casings in the driveway area of the residence. Six of the shell casings were stamped 'WlN" and one shellcasing was stamped "WMA." Officers and Detectives determined this was a domestic violence/stalking related incident with two suspects involved. The ex-boyfriend has been arrested and is in custody for the stalking. His accomplice, Nicholas Anthony Gomez, is believed to be the shooter. Gomez is tied to the Oceano 13 criminal street gang. This recommendation is for an arrest and search warrant for Gomez, his residence at 1785 Ocean St, Oceano, and his vehicle. There is an arrest warrant for Gomez for the crimes of 246(a) PC, 594(b)(1), and 182(a)(1) PC.

Since the incident, SLO County Sheriff has responded to the location for a family disturbance, mental health related call. Gomez is believed to have mental health issues, and on this date, was off his medications. The intel of mental health with a firearm makes Gomez inherently dangerous and unpredictable. During this call for service, SLOSO Deputies located a 9mm cartridge in Gomez's vehicle which matched the casings located at the scene of the Santa Maria shooting on 1/27/2025. The firearm used is still outstanding.

Matrix-
Based upon the facts of the case, our matrix rates this as a **MODERATE-HIGH RISK**.
SWAT shall be consulted/considered in these cases.

Location 1:

1785 Ocean St., Oceano, San Luis Obispo County, CA. A large, single family residence, with multiple stories. There is a search warrant for the residence and a search/arrest warrant for the suspect Nicholas Anthony Gomez. The residence is two story with multiple windows and a balcony over the garage and front door. There are several vehicles in the driveway, under covers, making ease of access to the front door and visual of the front door very difficult. The overhead balcony and windows create significant officer safety issues and I believe an ARV for cover to the front is required. The overall property is long and narrow with an alley to the rear. There are an unknown number of windows and doors down the #2 and #4 sides of the residence with narrow corridors making containment difficult with extra personnel required. It is unknown at this time, where in the residence Gomez resides.

Contingencies:

Serving search warrants at a residence wherein other people are present always poses certain risk. Albeit unlikely, the possibility of a warrant service turning into something more sinister (barricade, hostage, etc) needs to be considered and planned for as a contingency. SWAT is better equipped and trained to deal with these types of situations that change in the moment and create a different mission profile.

Due to the above intelligence, I believe the SWAT Team(s) **SHOULD** serve this search and arrest warrants at at 1785 Ocean Street. Night Service has been approved on the signed warrant, as well as the use of UAS technology, and the SWAT Team. First right of refusal will need to be offered to the SLO County Sheriff SWAT Team since it is within their jurisdiction.

I believe due to the multi-story location, large layout, difficult access to the front door, and containment considerations, this problem is too complex to be served at the unit level and the SWAT Team is needed for the additional containment personnel and ARV's needed.

Respectfully,

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From: Paul Van Meel <pvanmeel@cityofsantamaria.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Daniel Rios <drios@cityofsantamaria.org>
Subject: RE: Attached Image

Hey Danny,

There is actually another resident associated with the location named Miguel Rios. He has the last name of the possible sister (Rios), but there's nothing in the packet that is a flag. Hope this is what you're looking for.

From: Daniel Rios <drios@cityofsantamaria.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Paul Van Meel <pvanmeel@cityofsantamaria.org>
Subject: Re: Attached Image

Got it, thanks, Paul.

Minus the criminal history, will you also please email the work up/packet stuff to include

photographs, vehicles, locations pics , etc.?

Please place the entire hardcopy packet either in my mailbox or in my watch commander inbox near the TV in the WC office (I tagged one of those four below the TV).

Assuming you'll be doing some surveillance soon if not already, but also let me know Ideally, when you think you might be ready or wanting to serve this.

Air course I'm always available for a call if needed.

We'll get started on this.

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From: Paul Van Meel <pvanmeel@cityofsantamaria.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:15:11 PM
To: Daniel Rios <drios@cityofsantamaria.org>
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To add: he lives with at least his mother, and he might have a sister but it looks unconfirmed. There are no obvious red flags at the residence. His mom's got nothing significant in her CH. The other pertinent stuff is in the body of the SW.

Thanks again.

From: Paul Van Meel
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:13 PM
To: Daniel Rios <drios@cityofsantamaria.org>
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Hey Danny,

Here you go. His CH has some of the following: 242PC, 236PC, 594PC, 459PC, 242 on a school employee.

That’s about it.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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